

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Storage Capacity

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains along with their monetary value that got wasted due to non-availability of storage facilities during the last three years;
- (b) the storage mechanism used to store different types of food, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any plans for construction of FCI storage godowns in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the storage cost incurred by the Government for storing different grains in its godowns for the last three years, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) whether any proposal is pending to encourage private participation in the project to build warehouses for foodgrains, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): No wastage of Central Pool foodgrains (wheat & rice) can be directly attributed due to lack of storage facilities in Food Corporation of India (FCI). Procured foodgrains are stored by FCI in a scientific manner in covered godowns and in Cover & Plinth (CAP) storage. Scientific codes of practices for safe storage of foodgrains are followed during storage. In spite of all precautions, some quantity of foodgrains may get damaged/become non-issuable during storage due to various reasons such as storage pests' attack, leakages in godowns, procurement of poor quality stocks, exposure to rains, floods, negligence on the part of concerned persons in taking precautionary measures etc. The quantity of foodgrains accrued as damaged/non-issuable in FCI and its value during last three years is as under:

...2/-

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S.No.

Year

Quantity

(in tons)

Value

(in Rupees crores)

1.

2013-14

24695.455

23.48

2.

2014-15

18847.226

19.90

3.

2015-16

3115.684

3.44

Sufficient storage capacity (776.25 lakh tons) are available for storage of Central Pool foodgrains with FCI and State agencies against the stock of 298.36 lakh tons as on 28.02.2017.

(b): Wheat is stored in covered storage, cover & plinth (CAP) storage and silos. Rice is stored in covered godowns only and paddy is stored in covered godowns and CAP storage.

(c): There is no plan for construction of FCI godowns in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d): Storage cost incurred by FCI for last three year is as under:

Year

Storage Cost

(figure in Rs. crores)

2013-14

2164.58

2014-15

2376.60

2015-16

2021.24

Note: State/UT-wise figures are not available.

(e): Government of India has formulated Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme in the year of 2008 & 2009 for construction of warehouses through Private Entrepreneurs, CWC, SWCs and State agencies. A 10 years guarantee for hiring is given in case of

private investors and 9 years in case of CWC, SWCs and other State agencies. Godowns are constructed by the private parties, CWC and SWCs and other State agencies by arranging their own funds and lands. FCI takes over the godowns after construction. A capacity of 151.04 lakh tons has been sanctioned/allotted to Private Investors, CWC and SWCs. A capacity of 136.03 lakh tons has already been completed as on 31.01.2017.

Government has approved action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 lakh tons with the help of private investors.
